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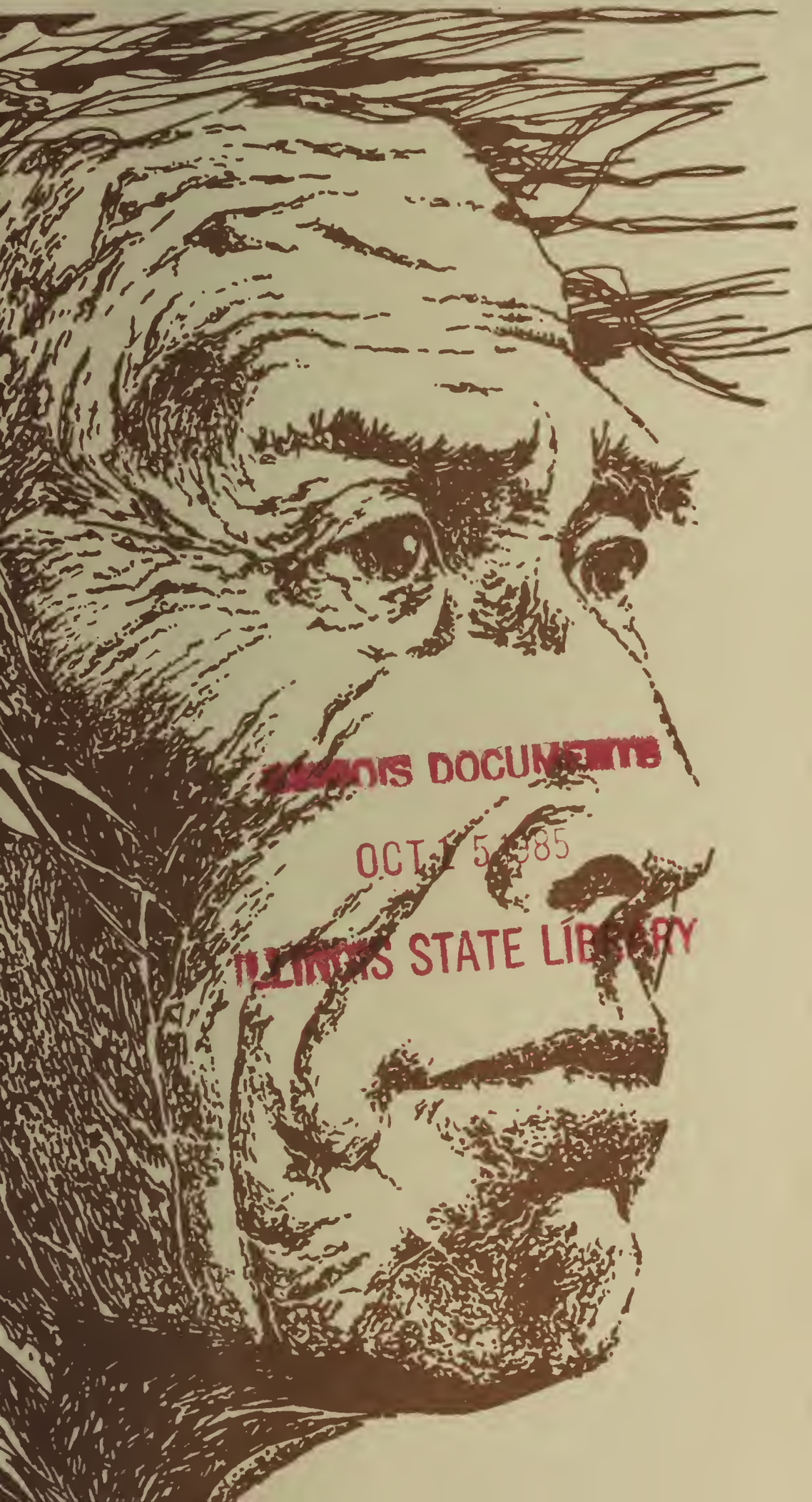

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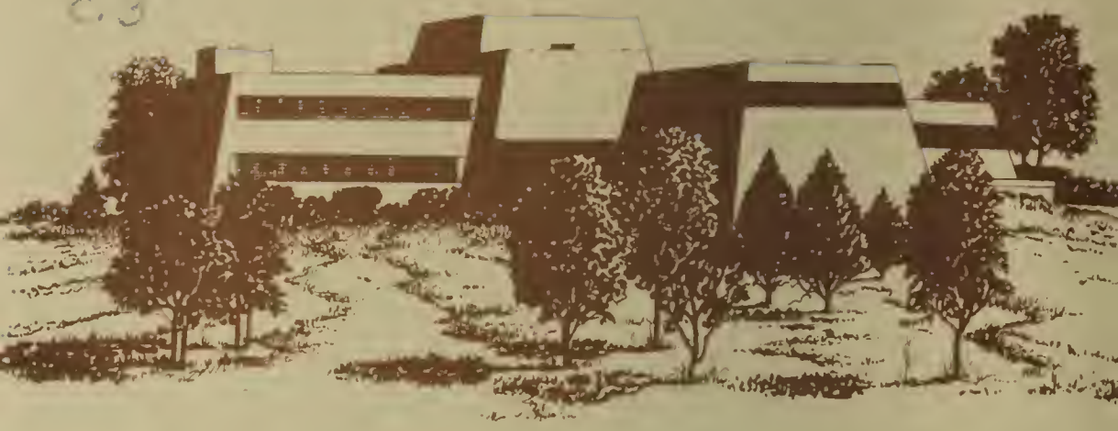

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is a museum of anthropology emphasizing the American Indian during prehistoric times.

The exhibits begin with the earliest evidence of prehistoric man in the New World and continue with information on the successive Archaic, Woodland, and Mississippian cultural periods. These cultural periods comprise the prehistory of approximately what is now the eastern half of the United States. Specialized exhibits on ceramics, mortuary practices, pathology, and a prehistoric village are also presented.

The multimedia exhibit in the south wing.

The first New World inhabitants came by this route.

## Paleo Period

The FIRST AMERICANS

Man entered this hemisphere from Asia as early as 10,000 B.C. He probably followed game across the Bering Strait (then a huge land mass) south through the ice free corridor. As the glaciers retreated northward, man eventually populated the entire North and South American continents. Early man hunted animals such as the mastodon, long-horned bison, and musk-ox. The mastodon and long-horned bison are now extinct. Paleo man also hunted smaller animals and collected fruits, seeds, and roots.

PALEO PERIOD

The mastodon, a large elephant-like mammal, roamed this area 12,000 years ago.

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A replica of an early hunter with a man-made missile.

## ARCHAIC PERIOD

Early home in the shelter of a natural rock overhang.

What is significant about 1,000 B.C.?

These ceramic vessels are over 1,500 years old.

A typical dwelling of about 800 years ago.

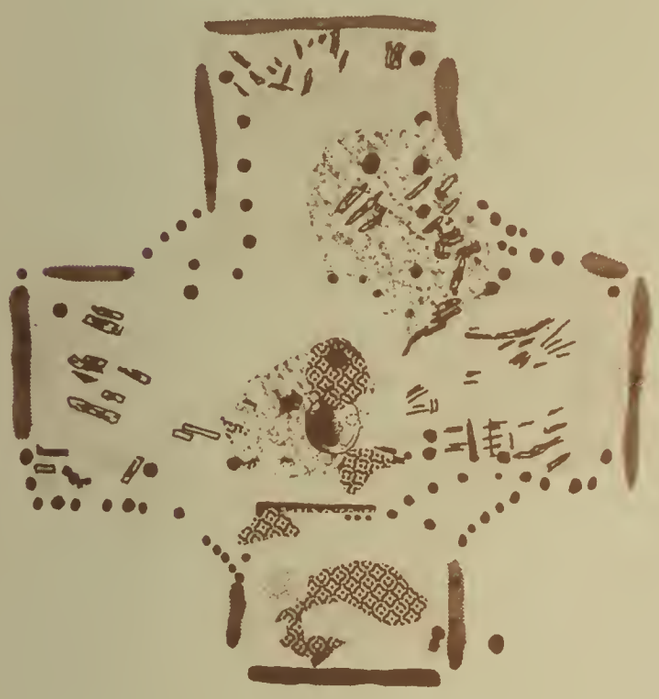
MISSISSIPPIAN PERIOD

How did these people manufacture their pottery vessels?

# DICKSON MOUNDS MUSEUM IS A UNIQUE MUSEUM

- - - one of the few on-site museums in the Midwest. In the new museum building, which opened in early 1972, a multimedia approach has been used in many areas to enhance the presentations. The views shown here represent only a small portion of the exhibits.

In addition to exhibits, the Museum has a SNACKBAR, GIFT SHOP, RESEARCH LABORATORIES, and an AUDITORIUM; and on the grounds are a PICNIC AREA and a NATURE TRAIL. Overnight lodging and other conveniences are available nearby.



One of the structures at the prehistoric Eveland village was in the shape of a cross.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

The Dickson Mounds Museum extends a cordial welcome to all visitors. There is no fee. The picnic grounds, nature trail, and museum are situated on a bluff of the Illinois River between Lewistown and Havana. This museum complex is a branch of the Illinois State Museum. Both are supervised by R. Bruce McMillan, Director of the Illinois State Museum, Springfield.

MUSEUM HOURS: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Picnic grounds open until sundown. Museum and grounds closed on New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

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